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SHOWING OF CHANGES

Claim 1. (amended) A method for determining if a substance [which] regulates glycation of a protein, comprising admixing (i) a substance to be tested, (ii) [a] histone H1, and (iii) ADP ribose, and determining [of] if said substance to be tested has an effect on glycation of histone H1 by ADP ribose, wherein indication of an effect on said glycation indicates that said substance regulates glycation.

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ADP-ribose, presumably a search of the method would <u>de facto</u> be a search of the kit claim, since the kit claim requires these materials as well.

In view of the foregoing, it is asked that the examiner reconsider the restriction requirement and examine claim 11 with claims 1-10.

Upon review it was noted that claim 1 contains typographical errors.

AMENDMENT

Please replace claim 1 by the following. A showing of changes is attached.

Claim 1.

A method for determining if a substance regulates glycation of a protein, comprising admixing (i) a substance to be tested, (ii) histone H1, and (iii) ADP ribose, and determining if said substance to be tested has an effect on glycation of histone H1 by ADP ribose, wherein indication of an effect on said glycation indicates that said substance regulates glycation.

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